(ii) **Programmes of Coconut Development Board (CDB):** CDB provides assistance to farmers/beneficiaries for area expansion, cutting and replacement of diseased plants, organic manure units and demonstration.

(iii) **Oil Palm Development Programme:** Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Technology Mission for Oilseed and Pulses, assistance is provided for area expansion, maintenance of plantations, drip irrigation and training.

Besides Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the Government of Goa also supports the following development programmes of horticulture.

* Support for irrigation through dug wells and water pumps.
* Assistance on the vegetable seed production to the extent of 50% of the cost.
* Distribution of fruit plant saplings to rural households.
* Availability of quality planting materials.
* Support prices to arecanut in case of fall in the price below critical level.

So far an assistance of Rs. 28.52 lakhs have been provided during current financial year to beneficiaries/farmers under the above programmes.

Infrastructure for IDDP

3381. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the achievements of Integrated Dairy Development Projects (IDDP) in Non-Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas are much below than targeted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the areas selected under IDDP have either very little or no infrastructure in terms of animal husbandry, dairying and even the general

infrastructure like roads, electricity and potable water which are very essential for establishment of dairy co-operative societies and procurement of milk from these areas; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to make infrastructure available in these areas and the quantum of funds being spent for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The scheme "Integrated Dairy Development Project" was implemented in Non Operation Flood, hilly and backward areas. As the name suggests, the areas covered are hilly and backward and have very little or no infrastructure in animal husbandry and dairying. The scheme has been modified during March, 2005 and renamed as 'Intensive Dairy Development Programme' (IDDP), and also covers the districts which received less than Rs. 50.00 lakhs for dairy development activities under Operation Flood Programme. Against a cumulative target of formation of 16,509 village level Dairy Co-operative Societies (DCS) with a membership of 11.46 lakh farmers, about 12 thousand DCS have been organized with a membership of about 7 lakh farmers upto 31-3-2005.

Government of India is providing 100% grant-in-aid for these areas for all components including creation of infrastructure for animal husbandry and dairying. Since inception of the scheme (1993-94), 62 projects spread over 164 districts in 25 States and a UT at a total cost of Rs. 334.08 crores have been approved and an amount of Rs. 234.42 crores has been released till 31-3-2005.

KVKs in Rajasthan

3382. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR has a policy of opening a Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in each State;

(b) if so, whether KVKs have been opened in all the districts of Rajasthan;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any request from the State Government in this regard is pending with Government; and